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In re application of : Confirmation No. 6528  
Shiro TORIZUKA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005\_0640A  
Serial No. 10/531,388 : Group Art Unit 4155  
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SCREW OR TAPPING SCREW

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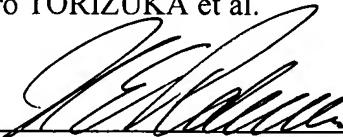
Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 7, 2008, Applicants in the above-referenced U.S. patent application elect Group I corresponding to claims 1-4 and 7-9, a screw coating.

Should the Examiner require anything further prior to issuance of the first Office Action on the merits in this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

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